

March 2017

City Council Members:

- Ron Bigelow, Mayor
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Lars Nordfelt, At-Large
- Tom Huynh, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Karen Lang, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings:

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

Main Number.....801-966-3600
 Police Dispatch.....801-840-4000
 Fire Department.....801-963-3336
 Emergency.....911
 Fitness Center.....801-955-4000
 Garbage.....801-955-3720
 Storm Water Utility.....801-963-3334
 Code Enforcement.....801-963-3289

Website:

www.wvc-ut.gov

City Hall Address:

West Valley City Hall
 3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
 WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:

Monday – Thursday
 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.



NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

National Night Out is only 5 months away,
NOW is the time to start thinking about how
 to hold an amazing neighborhood block party!
 Download a copy of the registration packet today.

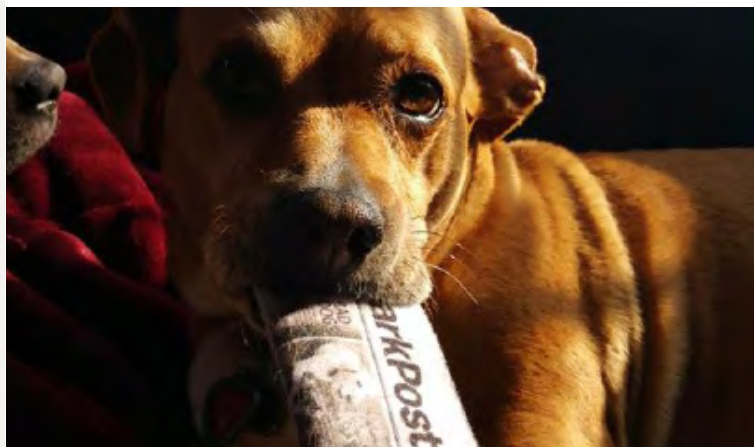
www.wvc-ut.gov/blockparty

If you have never organized a block party before,
 there is also a handy **Block Party Guide**
 to help with the process.



Bark Post: A Monthly Column

By Amalee, Community Watchdog



Spring Fever!

We dogs get excited at signs of spring, just like people do. My adopted brother Beckham and I can't wait! March means spring break for many folks, including families with pets. Why not take your furry friends on a road trip? Here are some places that welcome animals:

Moab is a destination for people around the world. It also makes a great spring break road trip site. Bringing your dog? Check out this link for info about an off-leash dog park, pet-friendly hikes on public lands (access for pets is limited in the national parks), and helpful pet services: <https://goo.gl/wmLGbv>. Near Moab, Dead Horse State Park is pet-friendly: <https://goo.gl/1xy1J6>. Looking for pet-

friendly Moab lodging? This blog has you covered: <https://goo.gl/EVOMrW>. For pet-friendly Moab area camping, see <https://goo.gl/AbUJgb>.

Equally beautiful and within driving distance is the Zion National Park area of Southern Utah. For dogs within the park, one trail is available: <https://goo.gl/aQlInz>. Another option in the area is Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park: <https://goo.gl/jyKEOe>. If you're looking to bring your pet to the Kanab area, try staying at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary: <https://goo.gl/m8365i>. Other pet friendly lodging and camping in this area abound: <https://goo.gl/Wbd0fZ>.

For a complete list of pet accessible Utah National and State Parks and recreational areas, check this out: <https://goo.gl/8E0WJj>.

If you have time for a longer road trip, consider these "10 Awesome National Parks for Dogs" <https://goo.gl/1TbkV8>.

Planning a quick day trip? Antelope Island is pet-friendly: <https://goo.gl/Qm07mJ>.

Or how about Park City? <https://goo.gl/Utn7xC>.

Doing some hiking? Here are 12 dog-friendly hikes near Salt Lake City: <https://goo.gl/8ySmOA>.

Soak up some sun in one of our local off-leash parks: <https://goo.gl/gzKuGk>.

Even if you just spend some quality time with cleanup, planting, playing, and relaxing in the yard, savor spring with your pets!

Thanks for listening, Amalee

Pets and Music

By David Moss, Animal Services Director

When you come to visit the West Valley City Animal Shelter next time, you will notice that we are playing classical music in the dog kennels. Why? Research has shown that dogs respond to music. This can be either a positive response or a negative response depending on the music. In helping dogs with behavior, the research shows that classical music is beneficial while music such as heavy metal is associated with aggressive behavior.

Many pet owners are convinced that their pet likes the same type of music they do. The rationale behind this is that the animal is exposed to and becomes accustomed to what the pet owner plays. However, research has found that music seems to be species specific. In other words, the music that works for dogs might not work for cats or other pets. The findings of Charles T. Snowden, a University of

Wisconsin researcher and animal psychologist, show that pets follow their own species' taste or preference and not that of their owner. Much like us humans who tend to like music that falls within our own acoustic and vocal range and at a tempo that is similar to that of our heartbeat, animals are no different.



While dogs might respond well to classical music, this doesn't mean cats will. David Teie, a cellist and composer, has come up with music in the frequency range for cat vocalizations and he has used their resting heart rate, which is faster than a human's, as a basis for the music he is creating for cats. His preliminary research shows positive results.

In the scientific community, there is always more to discover. All of the research for the last 15-20 years on this subject has focused on behavior with music vs. no music or the type of music. Recently a study was published in which the researchers looked at the difference between music and audiobooks. What they found was pretty neat:

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More study and progress in this area of research is needed. There is nothing wrong with doing your own research and finding what seems to work best for your pet. This way, the next time you leave your pet home you can turn on some music which you have found to work well with your pet to keep them company and help them relax while you are gone. And maybe the next time you visit the dogs we have at the Animal Shelter you will be listening to a story on audiobook instead of classical music.




WVC Watch Wednesdays is a series of monthly meetings held on the **2nd Wednesday** at West Valley City Hall from **6:00-8:00 pm** to help keep neighborhood groups & interested residents up to date with City information.

March 8 **Gangs & Graffiti Update**
April 12 **Elements of Great Neighborhoods**

- Code Enforcement
- Animal Services, etc.

- The first hour of each meeting will focus on the various topics listed.
- The second hour of each meeting will be a community meeting with WVC PD Chief Russo.



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Upcoming Events

March

- 8 WVC Watch Wednesday: Mobile Patrol Training
City Hall, 6 PM
- 8 Community Meeting with Chief Russo
City Hall, 7 PM
- 9 Professional Standards Review Board Meeting (Citizens' Review Board)
City Hall, 9 AM
- 9 From The Heart: Expressions in Fiber Exhibition (Through April 26)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 16 Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Class (Part 2)
Registration required; email meritbadges@wvc-ut.gov to register.
Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM

April

- 5 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow
City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 12 WVC Watch Wednesday: Mobile Patrol Training
City Hall, 6 PM
- 12 Community Meeting with Chief Russo
City Hall, 7 PM
- 13 Professional Standards Review Board Meeting (Citizens' Review Board)
City Hall, 9 AM
- 14 Flashlight Easter Egg Hunts (Ages 13 and up)
Family Fitness Center, 9 PM
- 15 Easter Egg Hunts (ages 12 and under)
Family Fitness Center, 8:30 AM
- 20 Spring Fest: Earth Day Celebration
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM
Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM

Visit wvc-ut.gov/events for a complete list.



For more information call 801-966-4653 Ext. 4 or visit overlookattheridge.com.

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